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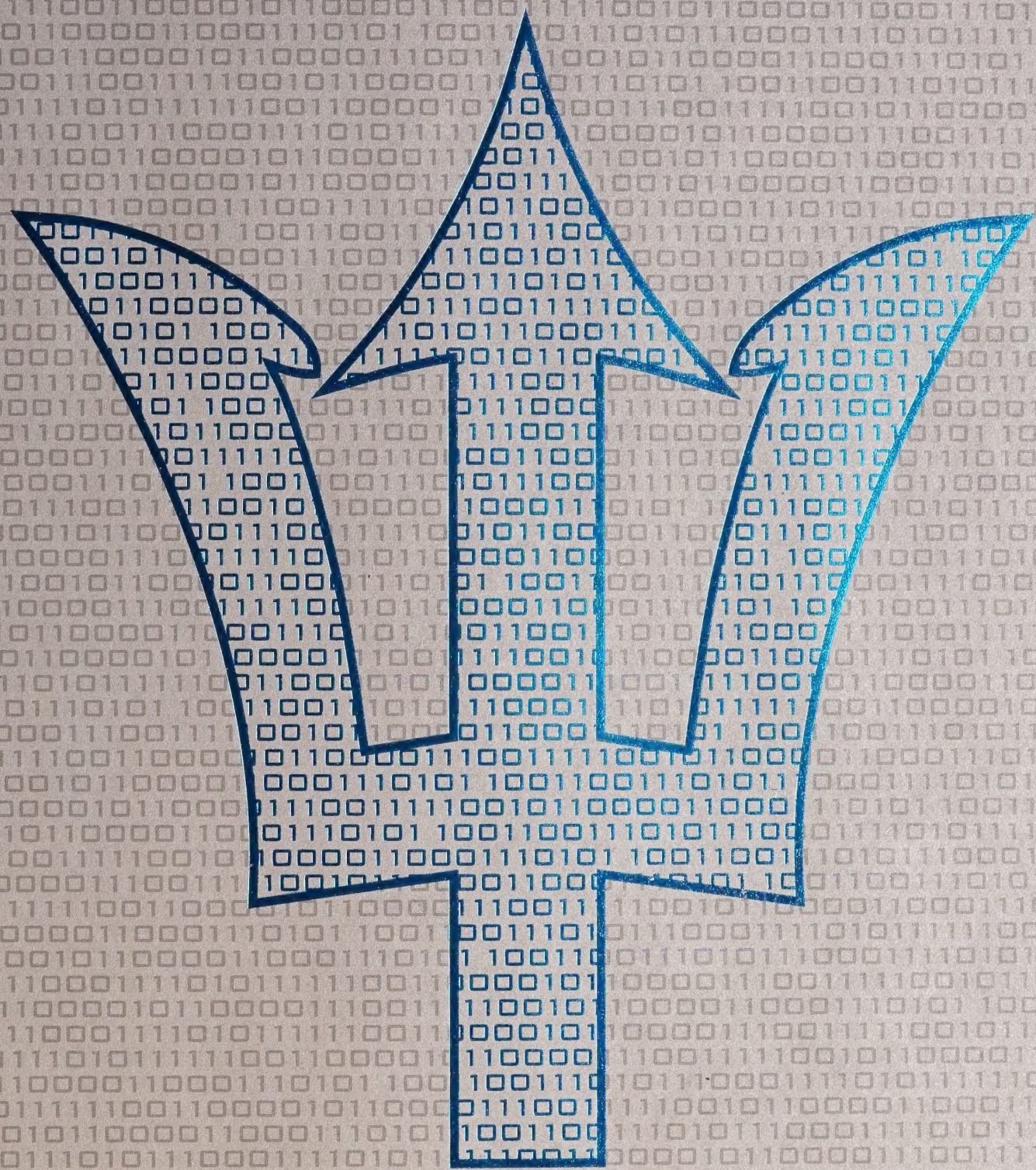
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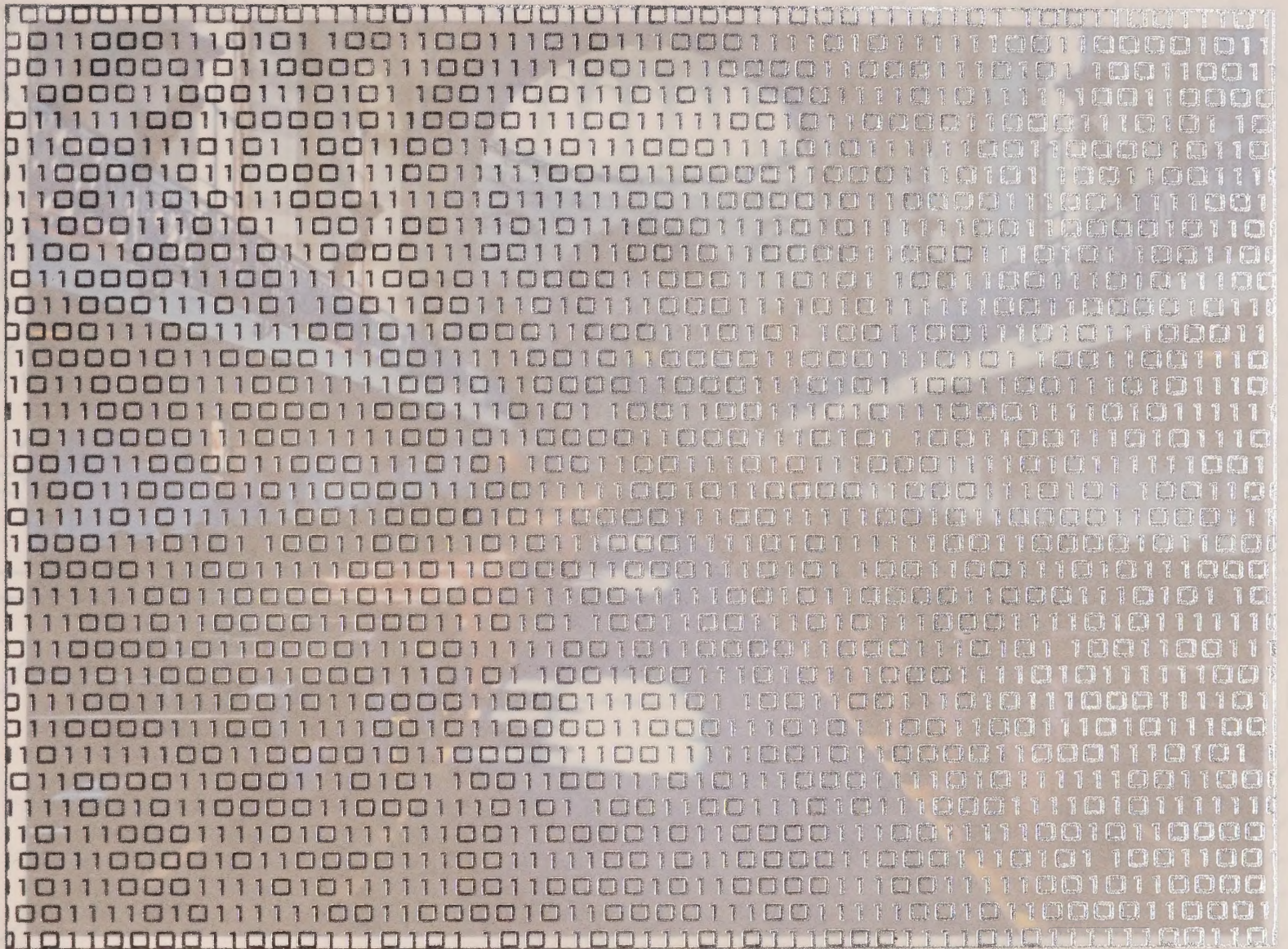


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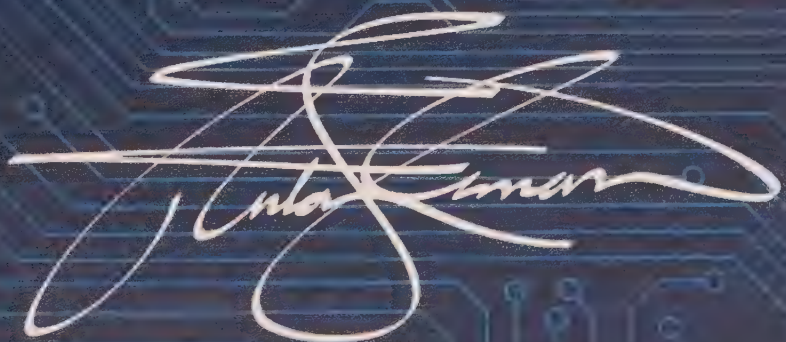


# A LETTER FROM The Yearbook President

**H**ello everyone. Since this Yearbook looks so different from any of the others in the past, I thought I might explain what the inspiration was as well as what some of the elements mean. This book arose from two major sources: 1. Our class was the first to have everyone take Cyber Classes as a core curriculum at the Academy and 2. The influences of technology, the internet, and social media have had a profound impact on our lives as well as our experience at USNA. Arising from these two influences is the Yearbook you see before you. The cover is quite different from those in the past with a textured black finish and the first ever "die cut cover." The die cut cover allows you to see beneath to the first page, representing the underlying influence technology, the internet, and social media have had on our lives. The inner page is covered with 1s and 0s which might look familiar from Cyber Class. This pattern of numbers is the binary code for "Lucky Bag Yearbook" repeated over and over. It occurs in several places throughout the book. The trident was chosen as the shape of the cutout because of all of the great minds in our class and all scholarly achievements we have made together. Inside the book, the pages took design cues from popular social media platforms and websites. You will notice the colors, fonts, and layouts of the interior pages resemble some of your favorite apps and websites.

In addition to explaining the book a little, I also wanted to extend my thanks to each and every one of you for your patience with the Yearbook staff and me. I know, at times, the emails were sometimes a barrage in the middle of your days, but in the end the Yearbook was completed and looks great. I hope you will enjoy it. Now that we go our separate ways, please know that I will miss you all and hope we will see each other again in the future. And, because I couldn't resist putting my signature on something one more time,

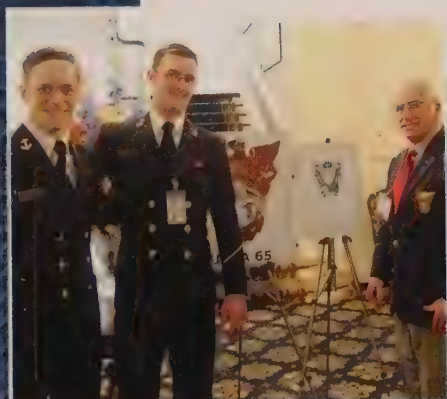
Very Respectfully,

A stylized, handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read "Anton Ekman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Anton Ekman



# ANOTHER Link in the Chain



Every class has a special connection with their Another Link in the Chain class. Fifty years before the Class of '15 showed up for I-Day, the Class of 1965 was making waves at the United States Naval Academy. Their experience has been valuable to the development of the Class of '15 during its time at the Academy and the members of '15 will take this important knowledge with them as they enter the fleet as pilots, marines, submariners, surface warfare officers, and other service selections. In addition to all the support '65 has shown to '15, they are linked by an even closer bond, a Bond of Gold. When the Class of '15 Rings were cast, included in the molten gold were several rings from the Class of '65. The class of '15 will carry '65 with them in their minds and in their rings as they move forward into their careers and continue to change the face of the Navy and Marine Corps as the Class of 1965 did fifty years ago.

#BondsOfGold











# INTO THE Severn

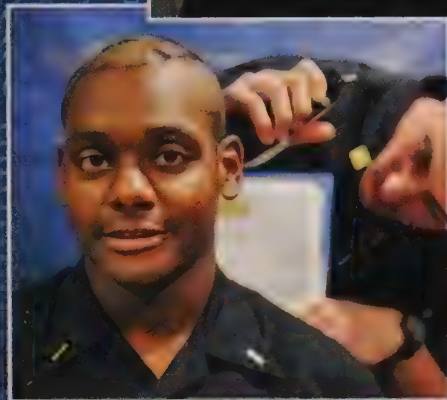
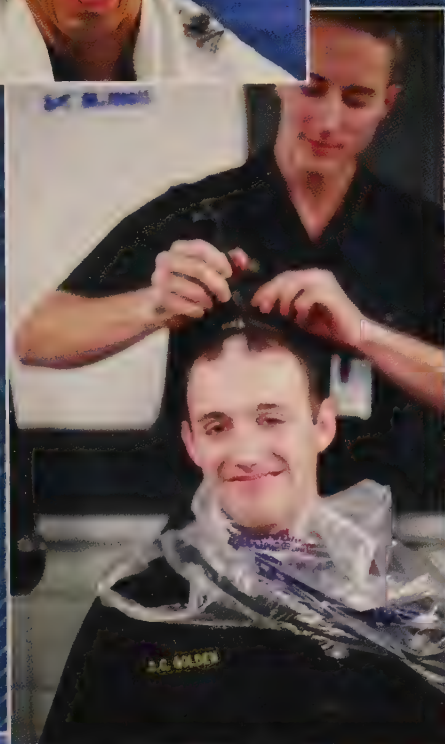
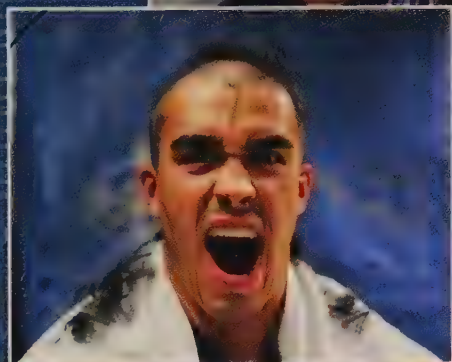
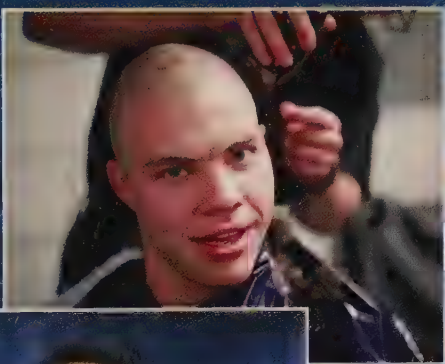
Every year after the last parade of the semester, a tradition is carried out during the march back to Bancroft Hall from Worden Field. The Brigade marches by company, each led by the that Semester's Company Commander. During this march back, Company Commanders begin to remove their swords. At a certain point, a Plebe gives the signal and all the Plebes begin handing their rifles over to the nearest upperclassman. Once free of their rifle, Plebes rush the Company Commander and carry them to the Severn River to be tossed into the water. Some attempt to flee but few escape. Most expect it and don't resist. Even if they are unwilling at first, Company Commanders (and some other choice firstie leadership), enjoy their experience and walk back, sopping, to their company area to get changed.



#YouMadBro



# HAIR LOSS Via Service Selection



Each year the graduating class feels the days leading up to service selection slowly drag on. For three and a half years they have worked towards the service which will soon be theirs. With the exception of some early selects, the rising class does not know for certain which path this will be. Does their future lie where they think it does, or has the Navy decided they are needed elsewhere? Regardless of choice, one tradition stands true for all on service selection day: the shaving for Marine Corps, EOD, and SEAL selectees. Firsties pile into the company wardroom at lunch for their official assignments. The Plebes await them outside with clippers and chairs. When they exit, some firsties submit to their fate, while others make a break for it. In the end, most of the males get their hair shaved at one point or another.

#ShaveltForLater











# CHAIN OF COMMAND



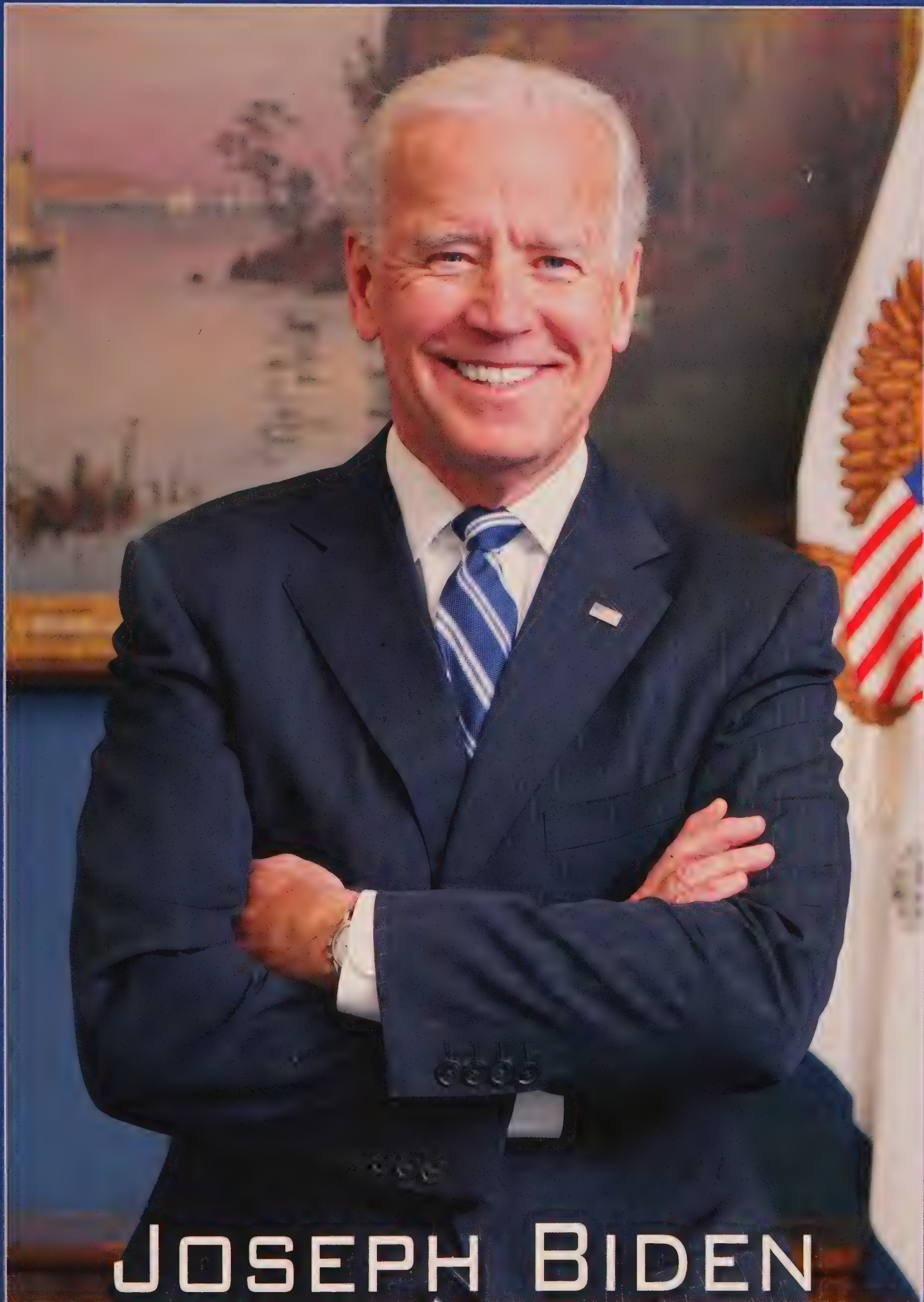




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